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December 7, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PLAZA
DE LA RAZA TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE SERVICES AT
DPSS' CROSSROADS CHILD CARE CENTER
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), to execute an Agreement, substantially similar to the attached Agreement, with Plaza De La Raza, to provide child care services at DPSS' Crossroads Child Care Center located at 12900 Crossroads Parkway South, City of Industry, effective January 1, 2005, or the day after execution, whichever is later, through June 30, 2009. This is a non-financial Agreement and, therefore, there is no fiscal impact.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, DPSS, to prepare and execute amendments to this Agreement, when the change is necessitated by additional and necessary services that are required in order for the contractor to comply with changes in federal, State or County requirements. The approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) will be obtained prior to the execution of such amendments, and the Director will notify the CAO in writing within ten business days after execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

With your Board's approval, DPSS will execute an Agreement, substantially similar to the attached Agreement, with Plaza De La Raza to provide child care services at the Crossroads Child Care Center located at 12900 Crossroads Parkway South, City of Industry.

Implementation of Strategic Plans and Goals

The contract is consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #5 Children and Families' Well-Being: Improve the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County as measured by the achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health; economic well-being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and educational/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This is a non-financial Agreement for the provision of child care services. Parents, not the County, pay for the child care services. The County provides the physical facilities, utilities, upkeep, equipment and supplies, which are deemed unavoidable costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The current contract between DPSS and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to administer the Crossroads Child Care Center expires December 31, 2004. Since opening the Center in March 2001, LACOE has subcontracted out the Center's operation to Plaza De La Raza. When DPSS approached LACOE about renewing its contract, LACOE indicated that it had played only an intermediary role and that DPSS should contract directly with Plaza De La Raza.

Plaza De La Raza has been providing child care services at the Crossroads Child Care Center since the Center opened in 2001. The operator has consistently met the performance standards required in the contract, and is an excellent partner in providing child care to DPSS employees and CalWORKs children.

Originally, DPSS' Child Care Centers were going to be utilized only by County employees. However, to expand the Centers' utilization, we have opened them up to CalWORKs participants. In the future, we anticipate opening the centers to other children, to the extent that there is available capacity and appropriate funding.

The Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. Approval of this Agreement will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information, and will be in full compliance with federal, State and County regulations.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

As this is a non-financial Agreement, no solicitation is required. State regulations allow contracting without competitive solicitation when the services are provided at no cost to the County.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This Agreement will not have any adverse employee impact since Plaza De La Raza is the current operator of the Crossroads Child Care Center. Providing child care services will have a significant positive impact on the County by providing: 1) increased child care capacity; 2) quality on-site child care services to County employees; and 3) the opportunity for CalWORKs participants enrolled in the Careers in Child Care Training program to experience hands-on training. The Careers Program is a two-year program developed by DPSS and local community colleges to address the need for licensed child care in Los Angeles County by training CalWORKs participants in the field of Early Childhood Development.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board letter to the Director, DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryce Yokomizo, Director

BY:nv

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Policy Roundtable for Child Care